AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-17.

Please add the following claims.

18. (New) A method, comprising:

reading a media key block from a medium, the medium having content and validation data that includes a validation value;

generating a media key from the media key block;

reading the validation data;

decrypting the validation data using the media key; and

granting access to the content if the validation data decrypts to the validation value.

19. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein said reading the validation data comprises reading a copy of the validation data from a read-only area of the medium.

20. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein said reading the validation data comprises reading the validation data from a read only area of the medium.

21. (New) The method of claim 20, wherein the validation data comprises a hash value based on the media key block.

22. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein the hash value is stored in a validation area of the medium.

23. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein the validation data comprises a verification data field of a verify media key record of the media key block.

24. (New) A system comprising:

a drive to read a hash value from a validation area of a medium, the medium having content, and a media key block; and

a host to:

read the media key block from the medium; and

calculate a hash function over the media key block.

25. (New) The system of claim 24, additionally comprising:

the drive to further:

calculate a MAC (message authentication code) over the hash value to generate a drive MAC value; and

generate a second hash value based on the media key block; and

the host to further:

calculate the MAC over the second hash value to generate a host MAC value;

compare the drive MAC value to the host MAC value; and

grant access to the content if the drive MAC value equals the host MAC value.

26. (New) The system of claim 24, wherein the medium comprises a DVD-RAM (Digital Versatile Disc – Random Access Memory), and the hash value is stored in a control data area of the DVD-RAM.

27. (New) An apparatus comprising:

a device to:

read a medium having content, a media key block, and a copy of the verification data corresponding to a verification data field of the media key block, the verification data field being associated with a predetermined value;

process the media key block to generate a media key;

decrypt the copy of the verification data using the media key; and

grant access to the content if the copy of the verification data decrypts to the predetermined value.

28. (New) The apparatus of claim 27, wherein the medium comprises a DVD-R/W (Digital Versatile Disc –Rewriteable), and the copy of the verification data is stored in a narrow burst cutting area of the DVD-R/W.

29. (New) The apparatus of claim 28, wherein the medium additionally comprises a hash value based on the media key block, the hash value being stored in the narrow burst cutting area of the DVD-R/W.